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## **News Release**

### **CITY OF GREENVILLE DEDICATES LEGACY PARK**

***Park becomes latest addition within City's parks and recreation system***

**(Greenville SC)** - The City of Greenville and Verdae Development, Inc. hosted a dedication ceremony this afternoon for Legacy Park, the newest public park addition within the City's parks and recreation system. The dedication of the park is the result of a unique public/private partnership between the City and Verdae Development, Inc. that allowed for the investment of more than \$3 million, without burdening tax payers with the initial capital funds outlay.

"Greenville is a community that places a high value on public parks and trails," said City Parks and Recreation Director Dana Souza. "These spaces are so important to our overall wellness and quality of life, and Greenville residents spend a tremendous amount of time in public parks and on the trail system. We are very grateful to Verdae Development for entering into a unique agreement with the City of Greenville that developed Legacy Park, so it can be available to the residents of Greenville in perpetuity."

Officially opened in 2008, Legacy Park was inspired by New York City's Central Park, and captures the essence of a pastoral park in the midst of a busy city. The land used to develop the public park was originally owned by John D. Hollingsworth, a leader in the Greenville business community and textile industry. The 20-acre park features rolling greens, water features, colorful landscaping, children's playgrounds and paved pathways ideal for walking, jogging and biking.

"In keeping with the spirit of benevolence that Mr. Hollingsworth demonstrated for our community, Legacy Park was created with the intention of it becoming a public park,"

states Rick Sumerel, president and COO of Verdae Development, Inc. “This beautiful amenity sits at the heart of the Verdae project and will continue to serve, not only the current and future residents of Hollingsworth Park, but also visitors area wide. It’s here for all to enjoy.”

Legacy Park is a central component of the Verdae master plan that will eventually be enjoyed by thousands of residents who value a balanced lifestyle. Verdae has already welcomed multiple residential communities, a retirement village, a public golf course and more. Verdae’s community will also offer office and commercial space that will be comfortably integrated with the close-knit residential neighborhoods.

In celebration of the event, Verdae Development will host a free ice cream social for the public on Sunday, July 31 from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. in Legacy Park.

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